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CRRSA use of funds

<u>Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation</u> operating under 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation 477 approved plan and policies as applicable.

Re: planned use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

The Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to;

- o Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- o Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- o Farm and other food service workers
- o and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation, 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;

- o **Resources**
- Supplies
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line the guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

The Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are not limited to;

- support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- The 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers. We would support the stability of the child care sector to help providers afford increased operating expenses, hire staff or contract consultants, increase in staffing, cleaning and sanitation service, system building.

Other

The Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements.

If the Three Affiliated Tribes / Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021.